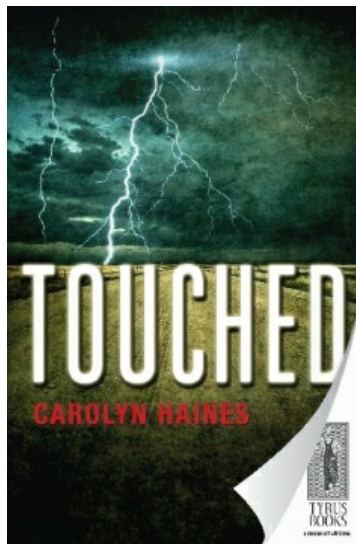




Oh boy. Miss Velma Brown and my niece Jennifer are fabulous cooks. While I treasured each morsel, I can almost hear my fat cells expanding.



Meet Renfield. This little fellow followed me home last week.



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Dear Friends and Readers,

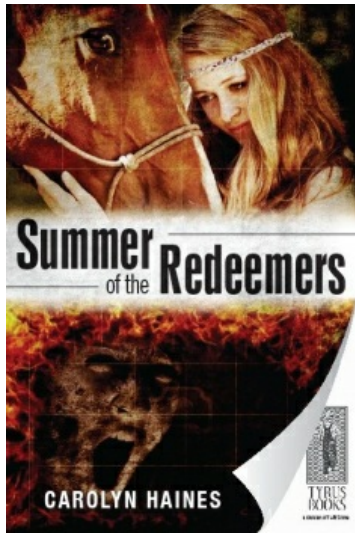
Another turkey day has come and gone. The word for the season—excess! My goodness I ate some fine cooking! My niece served up a fabulous meal and then I had the wonderful fortune of serving my own Thanksgiving with friends, which consisted of Miss Velma Brown's magnificent cooking. I think we should have a cook-off between Jennifer and Miss Velma and take a vote. Both are exceptional cooks! Now I must return to a sensible diet. Aarrgh! I watched my great-niece Jordan put away two stacked plates of food and she's as slender as a twig. The joys of youth!

As some of you know, a little black lab pup followed me home Wednesday when I went for a walk with my dogs. I have named him Renfield (he has a penchant for eating bugs!) and he will be up for adoption as soon as I'm sure he's healthy. He is very loving, very smart and very toothy! He's still got his little milk teeth and he loved my hands and wrists to chew on.

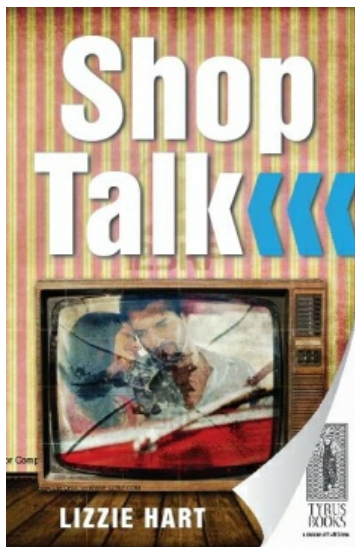
On the book front, exciting news! TOUCHED, SUMMER OF THE REDEEMERS, and SHOP TALK will be released as e-books and soon in print by [Tyrus Books](#). I think the covers are terrific, I hope you do, too.

I am waiting for edits on BONEFIRE from St. Martins, and I have the synopsis for SMARTY BONES finished. So I am working on THE SEEKER, my next "dark" book. It's a wild experience for me, because the book takes place in the Northeast. About 10 years ago, I was able to take a few days and visit my writer friend Kristine Rolofson in Rhode Island. Kristine is such a fabulous tour guide, and I got there just at the end of October for one of the most beautiful season changes I've ever heard anyone talk about. We toured Narragansett Bay and then went up into Massachusetts and visited the homes of Louisa May Alcott and Nathaniel Hawthorne and also Walden Pond. Then we toured some of the ocean towns where whaling was once a big industry. The trip had a profound effect on me, and I knew I'd have to do a book in that setting. I just didn't know what kind of book!

I'm still a little startled by how I can slip into that geographic locale and a completely different time period. Then again, my grip on reality has never been that strong! This is part of the joy of writing. I'm able to live my character's life for a certain amount of time each day. Readers also do this—can you imagine not reading? I am so sorry for people who don't enjoy fiction. Or non-fiction. The thread of the story pulls me along and I'm able to push back what's happening right in front of me and walk in a different reality. This



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I just adore these new book jacket covers, don't you? I wrote SHOP TALK under the name Lizzie Hart.



The trees are shedding.. right into my pool. Ah, if I could only slow time.

is such an incredible gift. And think about how amazing it is that little black squiggles on a page can evoke emotion! That's just a miracle. One of my students wrote a scene that touched everyone in the class. All 14 of us shared a remarkable experience because we read words on a page. When I really think about this, I am stunned anew.

The preparations for [Daddy's Girl Weekend](#) continue apace. Sarah is working hard to make this one as successful as last year's. The dates are April 13-15, and we've gotten the entire Malaga Inn blocked off (so we can play hard without disturbing anyone). It's a lovely old hotel on Church Street in downtown Mobile. The rooms are period, and there's a big courtyard. And we're working on our list of presenters.

We did learn that Thomas Jane won't be able to make it this year. He had agreed to come unless his filming schedule conflicted. And, that' unfortunately what happened. I suppose a hit HBO series has to take the front seat from DG Weekend, but he said maybe he could come next year. But no worries! We are going to have a great line up. Dean James (returning champion of the Big Daddy title and NYT bestseller), Deborah LeBlanc (wonderful author of paranormal and dark novels and mysteries), Will Irby (Florida private investigator who will share all the moves on how to investigate a crime—or commit one!), Marian Young, (the best agent in the universe) and many more. We will have writers and readers sessions again, as we did last year. So each one you will be an active participant (if you want to) in discussing your favorite books and characters. We writers learn as much from you guys as you get from us. And we might even be able to draft Sarah Bewley into talking about playwriting and screenwriting and editing books. She's pretty darn accomplished in a lot of areas. But she's going to make us beg her, I fear. Those temperamental artists!

So that's the news for November. We rock on toward December and the end of another year. It seems now that time passes in a blur. I start writing and I look out the window and the trees have lost most of their leaves (of course they're all at the bottom of the dang pool). I look again and another season has arrived. If I could slow time a little, I would, because I relish each day. Even the days when I have to clean up new puppy leakage!

More news next month.

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